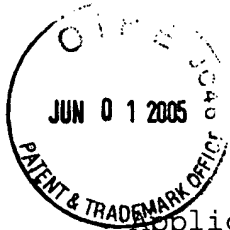


Corres. and Mail  
**BOX**

Reply Under 37 CFR 1.116  
Expedited Procedure, Art Unit 2851

AF  
JFW



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Oliver Rottcher

Confirmation No.: 2466

Serial No. : 09/883,729

Filed : June 18, 2001

TC/A.U. : 2851

Examiner : M. Cruz

Docket No. : 01-376

Customer No.: 34704

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 31, 2005, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire June 30, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on Page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on Page 6 of this paper.